

## Steel Wage Parley Collapses; Murray Assails Companies

By the Associated Press.  
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15.—A conference between United States Steel subsidiaries and the United Steel Workers of America (USWA) "recessed" today and USWA President Philip Murray declared "it has been made clear that the companies do not intend to engage in any bona fide collective bargaining."

The company and union representatives had met to discuss a War Labor Board directive of November 25 which tentatively approved wage adjustments for 485,000 workers in 86 basic steel companies, retroactive to last December.

Mr. Murray said the subsidiaries had filed a petition with the WLB requesting it to "set aside its directive as illegal" and that "John Stephens, spokesman for the steel case Research Committee and also for the United States Steel Corp., announced at the same time that the steel companies have not accepted the directive."

The officers of the USWA have arranged a conference in Washington today with Stabilization Director Vinson and OPA Administrator Bowles to ascertain how quickly the impasse will be terminated.

Mr. Stephens "insisted" that four sections of the WLB directives subject to action by the OPA and the director of economic stabilization be incorporated immediately in a labor agreement.

"If the companies were to include these four sections in a signed contract prior to becoming effective," Mr. Stephens said, "this action might be construed as willingness to pay the wage increases without a price increase. This would definitely prejudice the determination by the Office of Price Administration and Mr. Vinson."

Mr. Stephens said "four sections involved deal with increased vacation pay, shift differentials and elimination of alleged rate inequities, all retroactive to January 3, 1944."

## Mother, 18, Dies of Burns After Rescuing Child

By the Associated Press.  
MACON, Ga., Dec. 15.—Mrs. W. T. Hall, 18, died in a Macon hospital yesterday from burns suffered while shielding her two-year-old daughter from flames which had enveloped the mother's housecoat. After Mrs. Hall's housecoat caught fire from an open fireplace, she kept showing her frightened daughter away until the flames died out. Then, her body seared, she took the child in her arms and stumbled into the woods where her husband was cutting timber. Attracted by her screams, he found her in a semi-conscious condition, but the child was unharmed.

## Experienced Drivers Figure in Many Mishaps

Experience in driving an automobile is no assurance against becoming involved in a "traffic accident," according to Traffic Director William A. Van Duzer. Mr. Van Duzer said a study by the Department of Vehicles and Traffic of accident records for the last five years revealed nearly 79 per cent of the drivers involved in traffic mishaps had more than five years experience in driving. He urged drivers to take stock of their driving habits and not to become overconfident and careless because of their years of experience.

## 172 Naked Lunatics Found in Cold Basement

By the Associated Press.  
WITH BRITISH TROOPS IN HOLLAND, Dec. 15.—British forces have uncovered the black hole of Waansum, a dark, filthy, unheated basement where monks and civilians have cared for 172 naked lunatics for two months. A British civil affairs unit is attempting to patch up the damaged asylum and has provided blankets and fuel for the unfortunate who went underground October 14 to escape the war. German troops were said to have refused to move the asylum inmates and carried off their clothes and blankets so they would not escape.



**SOVIET OFFENSIVE IN HUNGARY**—Russian troops last night were reported by Moscow to be closing in on Szendro (1). Other Red Army drives (2) were reported by the Germans, who said they repulsed the Russians from Ipolyssag, while heavy fighting rages at Szecseny. In the battle for Budapest (3), last reports said Russians were shelling suburban Ujpest. Shaded line is approximate battle front.

## Senate Election Study In Indiana Challenged

By the Associated Press.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Attorney General James A. Emmert said yesterday he had asked Senator Willis, Republican, of Indiana, in Washington for a copy of the resolution under which the Senate committee's representatives are investigating alleged election irregularities in Indiana in preparation for a subcommittee hearing here next Monday.

Hommer E. Capehart, a Republican, was chosen to replace Senator Samuel D. Jackson, a Democrat, in the November election. "After the results were ascertained," the letter of Mr. Emmert, a Republican, said, "the Governor (Henry F. Schricker, a Democrat) and a few other soreheads who could not take defeat, started yelling 'we were robbed.' The Senate committee sent investigators to Indianapolis and they still are conducting their investigation by browbeating methods, to put it mildly. 'I have been informed that an attempt is being made to influence the Senate committee was only to investigate campaign expenditures and its authority did not extend into an attempted interpretation of election laws in Indiana. I would appreciate having a copy of the resolution, if any, under which this committee operates, because if it is true that it is only to investigate campaign expenditures they are out on a purely smearing expedition without any basis of legal authority.'"

Ralph F. Gates of Columbia City, a Republican, was chosen in the election to succeed Gov. Schricker. Attorney General Emmert and the Democratic majority on the State Board of Election Commissioners had issued conflicting statements on procedure for non-registered voters to make themselves eligible to cast ballots in the November election.

## John W. Peters, 74, Dies; Victim of Hit-Run Car

John W. Peters, 74, retired farmer of near Seneca, Md., died at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, yesterday of injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile on the Rockville pike, near the Congressional Airport, last week. He suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. He died without regaining consciousness. The hit-run driver has not been apprehended. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the funeral home of W. Reuben Pumpfrey, Rockville. Burial will be in Rockville Union Cemetery. Mr. Peters is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ada Peters, Seneca; a sister, Miss Laura Peters, and a brother, Ernest H. Peters, both of Rockville. He was born in Frederick County and lived in Montgomery County many years.

## Hurley Denies Recall Of Stilwell 'Upset' U. S.-Chinese Ties

By the Associated Press.  
CHUNGKING, Dec. 15.—Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley, United States Ambassador to China, said today there had been "no animosity or ill feeling of any kind" between Chinese and American authorities in connection with the recent recall of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell.

Reports that the United States had been "exerting pressure" on China before Gen. Stilwell's recall were denied by Gen. Hurley, who said he assumed such reports were "propaganda not emanating from the Allies."

While there may have been arguments and straight talk, he added, there was no ill will nor acrimony, but always a desire for unification of all forces for defeat of the enemy.

Gen. Hurley said his own relations with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek have been direct and cordial. "We've not only become friends," he declared, "but have established a degree of comradeship."

Gen. Hurley expressed the conviction that recent changes in the Chungking government "all are intended to promote co-operation and efficiency" and said they are in large measure responsible for the fact that "the Chinese government, United States headquarters and this embassy are one team with one objective."

He said he had participated in conversations affecting the Chinese Communists and had made a trip to Yenan, where Communists headquarters are located. He refused to elaborate, however, beyond saying: "I hope every element of our own forces and all the strength of China will be united to defeat the invader." "China is tired, bruised and bleeding after nearly eight years of war," Gen. Hurley added, "but in my opinion is eager to meet the invader in battle again. I've no qualms about China's attitude. She will fight to victory."

## Reds Delay Elections To Supreme Soviet

By the Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Moscow radio announced today that elections to the Supreme Soviet—legislative body of the Soviet Union—have been postponed until December 1945, because of the war. The present members, elected for four years, will carry over.

## Floating Balls Believed To Be Radio Interference

By the Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—It could be that those floating silver balls encountered by American airmen in raids over the Reich are of a German attempt to create interference for radio communication and detection signals.

Dispatches from the front have been heavily censored, but the fact the balls are described as silver in color would indicate they are of a metallic nature, and thus would react on any type of electronic emission. That is, they would mess up the signals.

In previous attempts at creating interference, particularly antiradar, the Germans were reported to have used light-weight, tin-foil-like strips of material which they loosed in the air. Apparently, these were not too satisfactory as gravity soon drew them to earth.

The silvery balls, particularly if made of some light material, would have greater buoyancy and thus stay aloft longer and maintain a more extended interference period.

## Mrs. Grace E. Murphy Dies; Lifelong Resident of Area

Mrs. Grace Edna Murphy, 71, of the District area, died Wednesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph T. Webb, 4332 Montgomery avenue, Bethesda, Md. She had been ill three months.

Educated in Detroit schools, Mrs. Murphy was one of the original members of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, A and Sixth streets N.E.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Lee funeral home, Fourth street and Massachusetts avenue N.E. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

## High Dutch Decoration Presented to MacArthur

By the Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Gen. MacArthur has been presented with the Knights Grand Cross, with swords, of the Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau, Aneta, official Netherlands news agency, reported yesterday from Melbourne.

The presentation was made by Dr. Hubert van Mook, acting governor-general of the Netherlands Indies, during a trip to Leyte, Philippines, and to liberated Indonesia. Dr. van Mook also presented the Cross, with Swords, of a grand officer in the order to Lt. Gen. Walter Kreuger, commander of the American 6th Army, which cleared Dutch New Guinea of Japanese and is now fighting on Leyte.

## Destroyer's Mercy Dash Saves Submarine Officer

By the Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—An Australian destroyer recently made a two-day mercy dash to a British submarine near Japanese-held territory where an emergency operation was performed on an officer stricken with appendicitis. The story was made public last night at British naval quarters in London.

The destroyer, with two doctors and a replacement for the officer, Lt. Robert Strouls, met the submarine by moonlight. In perilously choppy seas the sick man was lifted out of the coning tower by ropes and taken aboard the destroyer. Within an hour the operation was completed.

## Liberty Ship Page Has Heroic Record

The heroic record of the Liberty ship named after the late William Tyler Page, veteran Capitol employee and author of "The American's Creed" was placed in the Congressional Record yesterday by Representative Reed, Republican, of Kansas, who was one of the official party at the christening of the 10,000-ton ship, May 31, 1943.

A high point in the ship's history, which is from the official files, is its service on D day off the coast of France. An LST hit a mine, burst into flames and broke in two. One-half bore down on the ammunition-laden Page. The captain ordered the anchor raised and the ship went full speed out of the way of the drifting section of the LST.

As the wreck passed the Page six sailors were seen hanging on to the propeller guard of the LST. Chief Mate Henry F. Leitman, 23, of the Page, called for volunteers and a lifeboat was launched which rescued the sailors, and fished another straggled sailor from the sea. This was accomplished despite a rain of Nazi shells and a high wind. Last October 10 Mr. Leitman was awarded the first of the new Meritorious Service Medals for seamen of the Merchant Marine.

Mr. Reed, in his speech, recalled that Mr. Page had been a Capitol employe for more than 60 years, starting as a page at the age of 13. His son, John Page, is House property custodian.

## House Backs Pay Raise For Postal Workers

By the Associated Press.  
The House voted yesterday to raise the pay of postal service workers. It approved and sent to the Senate legislation adding \$400 annually to the base pay of regular employees. It also provides a 23 per cent boost for fourth-class postmasters, special delivery messengers and part-time workers. A similar increase is provided third-class postmasters for clerk hire. The bill replaces a temporary \$300 raise that expires next June 30.

### SHEET MUSIC BALLARD

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## \$303,000 Dug Up in Yard Of Home Near Vancouver

By the Associated Press.  
VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.—More than \$303,000 in cash and bonds was dug from a backyard in suburban Burnaby this week, it was disclosed yesterday when Foreign Exchange Control Board lawyers moved to prevent transfer of the money to New York.

The cash and bonds were taken from the isolated, bush-surrounded yard by Samuel Halpern, New York attorney, under instructions from Ralph Wilby, recently convicted in New York on 17 grand larceny

charges involving \$275,984. He was accused of obtaining funds fraudulently from a large United States chain department store firm.

Wilby, alias Alexander Douglas Hume, pleaded guilty. He faces a possible maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. A Royal Canadian Mounted Police report said he sought leniency for restitution of such funds as he had left.

## Draft Board Remembered

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15 (AP).—From "somewhere along the Ledge Road" in Burma, Sgt. J. H. Colby sent his draft board a V-mail Christmas greeting.

"Wish you were here," it said.

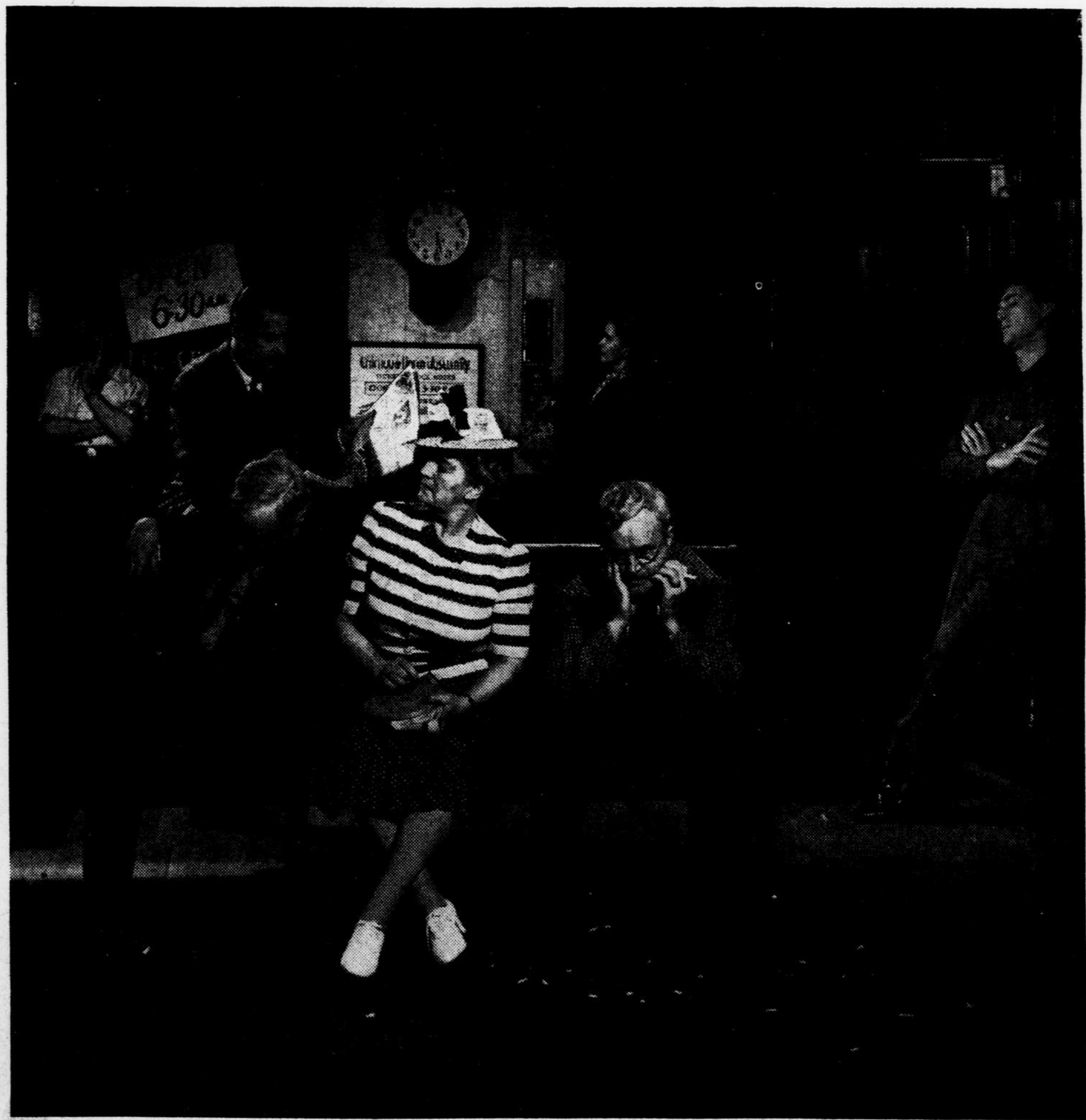


Yes, madam—he's positive! You'll be surprised how speedily the job can be done right now. Your coat will be thoroughly cleaned (by the very methods Hollander uses in the original treatment of the pelts), stuffed out, re-lusterized, made to look like new again—ready for the gay holiday season ahead. Your favorite department store, furrier or specialty shop is the place to ask about this service. And remember that Hollanderized furs keep their new beauty much, much longer!

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# Remember?



**LAST YEAR** thousands of people who took pleasure trips waited weeks to get accommodations home. Many spent the night in railroad stations—to be first in line when the ticket window opened. The situation will be even worse this year. War travel—both military and civilian—is taking more and more sleeping

car space. So even if you get space on a train going, it's anyone's guess when you will get back. We feel that we could not continue to merit your friendship and goodwill if we did not tell you this frankly—and urge you, in your own interest, to postpone pleasure trips until the situation is less critical.

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## Truman Due Back Today After Resting In Charlottesville

By Joseph A. Fox  
Star Staff Correspondent  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 5.—President Truman was set to return to Washington tomorrow after a three-day breathing spell from White House routine in the land of Jefferson, Madison and Monroe.

With the exception of a walk through the woods in the 200-acre Blue Ridge estate of Stanley Woodward, State Department chief of protocol, where he is spending the week end, the President did little but loaf today on the last holiday he expects to take before Congress adjourns for the summer.

He plans to leave at 10 a.m. tomorrow for the three-hour drive to Washington—and the problems awaiting him there.



DR. CHARLOTTE E. KLEIN.

## Dr. Klein's Funeral Set For Tomorrow

Funeral services for Dr. Charlotte Elizabeth Klein, 51, an instructor in music at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Services for Dr. Klein, who died Friday, will be held in the Lee funeral home, Fourth street, and Massachusetts avenue N.E. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

In a story in The Star yesterday, a picture of the former Miss Charlotte Klein, now Mrs. John H. Rixse, Jr., 717 Grand View drive, Alexandria, was inadvertently used for one of Dr. Klein.

Dr. Klein's brother, Percy Klein, 117 Grafton street, Chevy Chase, Md., is her only survivor.

## Missing California Boy, 3, Feared Kidnap Victim

By the Associated Press  
BIG BEAR, Calif., July 5.—Two-headed Wayne Bowers, 3, has been missing for more than 24 hours from this mile-high lake resort and Sheriff James W. Stocker said today there was a strong possibility he was kidnapped.

Sheriff Stocker said two bloodhounds had followed what was believed to be the trail of the boy, son of Marine Master Sgt. Claude M. Bowers, to a point about 4 miles from the camp where the boy and his parents were staying.

The trail followed along the State highway, Sheriff Stocker said, "and it looks as if a car might have picked him up."

The dogs gave up at a point just west of Big Bear, on the road which runs around the lake, the sheriff said. The animals are owned by Mrs. Eugene D. Williams, wife of the prosecutor in the Overly yacht deaths trial.

Wayne, whose father is attached to the Marine base at Barstow, Calif., wandered away from the camp yesterday morning. Mr. Bowers said he was out of his sight for only a few minutes. The search was instituted immediately.

## Actress and 3 Men Face Kidnaping Trial

By the Associated Press  
LOS ANGELES, July 5.—The district attorney's office issued complaints today charging movie actress Madge Mearns and three men with kidnaping and assault with a deadly weapon in the alleged abduction and beating of Nicholas Giannacis, restaurant supply house operator.

Charged with the actress, who went from a comedy cashing job to featured film roles, are Damon Klunkner, 32; Albert W. Tucker, 29, and James Hatfield, 33. The three already were in jail. Miss Meredith is free on bail.

Mr. Giannacis and an associate, Verne W. Davis, said the three men seized them in the Hollywood hills, kidnaped them and beat them with blackjacks. Mr. Giannacis, who says he started Miss Meredith on the road to her film career, claimed they had been involved in litigation over a house and the beating was administered in reprisal.

Miss Meredith denied any knowledge of the incident, and Tucker told sheriff's officers that Mr. Giannacis engineered the affair himself so he could place the blame on the actress.

Mr. Giannacis ridiculed this claim and asked officers, "Why should I engineer a deal where I get my own head busted?"

## Soviet Stand Again Stymies Korean Joint Commission

By the Associated Press  
SEOUL, Korea, July 5.—Firm Soviet objection to consult with Korean rightist political groups on the Korean provisional government have again deadlocked the American-Russian joint commission.

Returning from the latest discussions in the Russian-occupied northern zone of Korea, Maj. Gen. Albert E. Brown, chief of American delegation, issued a statement that, as a result of the Soviet attitude, oral consultation with Koreans, which were scheduled to begin in Seoul Monday, had been postponed indefinitely.

Without giving details, he said, "We made considerable progress in the present negotiations. I feel the commission can succeed in the task of establishing a provisional government. It is a fact that any issue can be resolved if determination exists on both sides."

## Business Leader's Son Killed in Plane Crash

By the Associated Press  
AKRON, Ohio, July 5.—The 29-year-old son of the president of the National Small Business Association was killed today in the crash of a private plane.

Business associates identified him as Richard Emery, son of Dewitt M. Emery of Chicago and operator of a print shop here. Flying his biplane alone, he crashed in Southwestern Summit County, near Greensburg.

At Akron airport, Manager B. E. Fulton said Emery took off a few minutes before the crash.

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This edition contains this week Magazine of 24 pages, a 10-page comic section and 16 pages of rotogravure.

## Wider Draft, Tax Hike Confront Chinese in 'Total Mobilization'

By the Associated Press  
SHANGHAI, July 5.—The Chinese government's new orders for "total mobilization" for a finish fight against the Communists confronted the people today with the prospects of wider conscription and higher taxes, although the full effect will depend on the degree of efficiency in enforcement.

No details have been disclosed of the new directive promulgated in Nanking yesterday, but most disbelievers would be more symptomatic than practical.

## Three Steps Held Needed.

They pointed out that the civil war already had been in progress for many months on a full scale and that if the government hoped to achieve even a partial victory against the resurgent Communists it would have to accomplish these three things:

1. Improve the supply of food and materials to the armies.
2. Widen out incompetent commanders.
3. Develop some program for bettering the lot of inhabitants in government-held areas.

## The Federal Spotlight

## U. S. Employees May Get Chance To Grade Their Supervisors

By Joseph Young

This comes under the heading of sweet revenge. Government employees may soon get the chance to grade their supervisors.

Reversing the procedure which has caused many a Federal worker to gripe about the unfairness of the supervisor in grading them, a rating of supervisors by their subordinates would enable Government agencies to determine how many supervisors are actually suited for their jobs.

## U. S. Employees

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with a gradual decrease to 180,000 employees by 1951.

The new survey substantially backs up last year's estimate, the report said.

The report concluded that the personnel cuts heretofore will not be as drastic or far-reaching in effect as appears on the surface.

## U. S. Employees

Meanwhile, the United States Employment Service reported that more than 3,000 Government workers hit by the economy axe have sought help from the District offices of the USES.

USES officials said they expect the number to increase in the next month. Two of those being let out now, only stenographers have any assurance that their services are in demand from private employers here, according to Fred Z. Hetzel, District USES director.

## Lincoln Tactics Free Murder Defendant

By the Associated Press  
INDIANAPOLIS, July 4.—Two Indianapolis lawyers today used legal tactics employed by Abraham Lincoln, in getting an acquittal for a man charged with murder by proving that the moon was not shining on the night of the crime.

During the first-degree murder trial of Willie Jones in criminal court, a prosecution witness testified he could see Jones strike Levi Watkins with a club because "the moon was shining brightly."

Defense attorneys John Lewis and William Zilison introduced weather bureau records showing the moon did not shine that night.

After thirty minutes' deliberation, the jury brought in an acquittal.

Lincoln used the same tactics in 1858 at the trial of William Armstrong, son of a friend, on a murder charge in Beardstown, Ill. Lincoln opened an almanac, read the lunar data and won an acquittal.

## Harry Wells, Court Aide, Honored on Birthday

Harry J. Wells, deputy United States marshal attached to Municipal Court since 1923, celebrated his 79th birthday yesterday and was presented a billfold by court attaches.

Judge Thomas Dewey Quinn, in whose court the presentation took place, praised Mr. Wells as "not only a gentleman but an excellent officer of the court—one of the best."

Mr. Wells, who lives at 411 Third street N.W., recalled that he has not missed a day's work since his appointment. He added he has no intention of retiring.

## 125 Leaving Tomorrow For Merrick Boys' Camp

About 125 Washington youths will leave at 10 a.m. tomorrow for a two-week stay at the Merrick Boys' Camp at Maryland Point, Md.

During the summer, more than 500 boys are expected to attend the camp, which is opening for its 11th season. The group tomorrow will depart from the Christ Child Building, Sixth and Massachusetts avenue N.E.

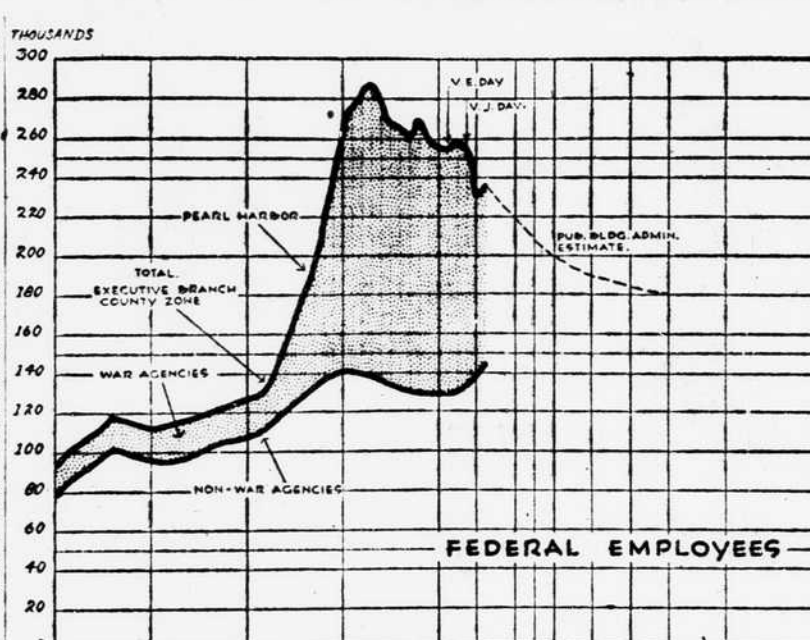
## Wild Tomatoes of Peru Tested To Breed Disease Resistance

By Thomas R. Henry  
Science Editor of The Star  
Hundreds of wild tomato varieties from Peru are being tested by Agricultural Department plant breeders to free the country's \$160,000,000 tomato crop from the constant threat of epidemics.

Peru is believed to be the original home of the tomato, but it has spread rapidly all over the world in the last three centuries and has been enormously improved by breeding, so that the present-day garden vegetable has little in common with its Andean ancestors. These are, for the most part, small and tasteless. But wherever the tomato has gone, diseases have attacked it, causing enormous loss. It is susceptible not only to numerous insects but to fungus and virus pests—especially to various varieties of wilts which infect the soil.

Experimenters at the Belville (Md.) Experiment Station are producing numerous new lines from a wild Peruvian tomato which superficially seems about as unpromising a parent as could be imagined. It produces fruits not much larger than currents, or only about a quarter inch in diameter. These have thin skins and are soft, watery and full of seeds. But the Peruvian fruits have one outstanding quality: It is immune to the most important of the fungi that cause vines to wilt. The job is to cross breed it so as to preserve this one quality.

Up to now, it has been possible to produce from the Peruvian tomato and from other species introduced from other parts of the world, varieties which are resistant to one or more of the common tomato diseases. The real objective, still probably far in the future, is to produce an immune variety which, at the same time, bears large, firm fruit and which will thrive under different climatic conditions. More than a dozen promising types now are being tested.



**FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT HERE—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**—This chart prepared by the Washington Board of Trade shows the Government employment picture here from 1935 to the present, with the Public Buildings Administration's estimate that there will be about 180,000 Federal workers in Washington in 1951. The upper black line, which shows the total Government payroll here through the years, shows that peak Federal employment of nearly 300,000 was reached in 1943. The dotted area shows how many employees were in war agencies, the lower black line how many were in nonwar agencies.

## AAF Pilots Reported 'Foo Fighters' in War Like 'Flying Saucers'

Maybe the people who have been reporting "flying saucers" from all over the country just don't know a "foo fighter" when they see one.

That's what our fighter and bomber pilots called the air-borne discs or spheres they encountered over Nazi Germany in the winter of 1944-45—"foo fighters," if that's any help.

Some of these weird objects, like those reported over America, emanated a reddish light, while others had the appearance of silver globes.

Fighter pilots returning to their base in France in early January of 1945 were convinced Hitler had come up with a new "secret weapon." The Yanks dubbed them "foo fighters" or "Kraut fire balls."

## 15 Followed Bomber.

Some danced just off the wing tips, or played tag with the fighters in power dives. Others appeared in precise formation, and on another occasion a whole bomber crew saw about 15 following at a distance, flashing on and off.

One "foo fighter" chased Lt. Meiers of Chicago 20 miles down the Rhine Valley at 300 miles an hour, an Associated Press war correspondent reported.

Intelligence believed at the time the balls might have been radar-controlled—sent up, perhaps, to fool ignition systems or baffle the Allied radar networks. The pilots soon learned they were harmless, to them personally at any rate.

It was speculated by scientists at home that the "foo fighters" might have been an electrical induction phenomena or one aspect of ball lightning, either of which might somewhat resemble St. Elmo's fire.

## Not Explained.

The war-time mystery, like the current thriller, appears to have no explanation—unless, of course, the objects could have been reported for secret tests in this country.

Yet researchers in the Army, Navy and a Government observatory agreed today on one thing—they "don't know what it's all about."

Information that the crew of an airplane had reported seeing a formation of the strange "saucers" skimming through the sky last night, an Army Air Forces officer repeated, a bit wearily.

"We have no experimental aircraft of that nature in Idaho, nor anywhere else. We're mystified."

"I'd Like to See One First."

The Navy also had no explanation, and the Naval Observatory here seemed even more at a loss. "We've had nothing more than a few reports of sightings in the past, including one supplied by a housewife in nearby Virginia, that the flying discs 'do not seem to be astronomical phenomena.'"

Official spokesmen had not much comment to make on "foo fighters" either.

"I'd like to see one first before I make a guess," said Ivan R. Tannehill, chief of the Weather Bureau's Division of Synoptic Reports and Forecasts, when asked for his explanation of the discs.

Mr. Tannehill said the reports "sound like those things you see on New Year's Eve, except that this was on the Fourth of July."

Compared to Monster Reports.

Dr. Newburn Smith of the National Bureau of Standards put it in perspective.

"It's like those Loch Ness monster stories—once the report gets around that some one said they saw something, a lot of people think they see it too."

He said he "wouldn't think" the discs were a "natural phenomenon," but that "any theory might be equally as well." He suggested it may have been the "reflection of a distant plane."

## 190 U. S. Subs Sank Nearly Half Of Jap Ships Lost During War

Fewer than 200 United States submarines accounted for nearly half of the 2,728 Japanese ships sunk during the war and for 54.6 per cent of the total tonnage destroyed.

This amazing record was revealed yesterday in figures released by the Joint Army-Navy Assessment Committee appointed in January, 1943.

The report disclosed that American planes, surface craft, mines and

## D. C. Navy Casualties Total 801, Dead 373 In Corrected List

The Navy has issued a corrected tabulation of war casualties for the District which shows totals of 363 killed in combat; 10 died in prison camps, 405 wounded and 23 released prisoners. The figures apply to members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard from the District.

The total number of casualties, 801, is lower than the previous total because 9 of the 29 listed as missing have been found safe. The other 20 are now listed as dead.

The new tabulation is contained in volume 1 of the two-volume work, Combat Connected Casualties, World War II, which lists the casualties by States.

submarines—sent 9,736,068 tons of Japanese naval and merchant shipping to the bottom.

That was only 857,747 tons less than the complete Japanese loss inflicted by United States and Allied forces combined.

The "silent service's" fleet of submarines that slipped into the Jap's shipping nests—190 of them by craft sank 310 ships totaling 701,832 tons.

Navy and Marine aircraft ranked second to the subs in effectiveness. They blasted 616 vessels of all types totaling 2,333,597 tons. Army aircraft sank 190 ships totaling 701,832 tons.

## Fireworks Explosion Fatal to 3 Is Probed

By the Associated Press  
ELK NECK, Md., July 5.—County authorities and the State fire marshal today delved into the circumstances of a fireworks explosion which killed two little girls and the father of one of them at a family Fourth of July celebration last night.

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Among the leaders was Washington's own gray "pigboat," the U. S. S. Drum. Turned over to the Russian River Naval command last spring for training the Naval Reserve, the Drum has a record of sinking 15 ships totaling 80,880 tons.

Her victims included a 9,000-ton seaplane tender and a 11,621-ton supply ship. She spent 646 days on 13 war patrols over a period of 3½ years before anchoring here at the Naval Gun Factory near the Eleventh street bridge.

The report revealed that the 31,000-ton battleship Konga was sunk by the submarine Sealion II.

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## Grange Urges Labor And Industry to Agree On Pay-Profits Ceilings

The National Grange suggested today that labor and major industrial firms agree on a program of voluntary ceilings on wages and profits as a step toward lower prices.

The farm organization made this proposal as the American Federation of Labor declared that "the feast-and-famine policy of industry" has pushed prices and profits to the brink of an economic recession.

The Grange and the AFL laid down their views in separate statements prepared for the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report. This group is studying suggestions on how to prevent boom and bust swings of the Nation's economy.

**Would Divide Margins.**

Albert S. Goss, master of the Grange, told the committee: "If labor and industry in a number of America's largest industrial concerns would agree on a program in which a ceiling would be placed on wages, and a ceiling on industrial profits, with all margins above such ceilings divided between labor, industrial ownership and the public in the form of lower prices—with a major part of the savings going toward reduction in price—our inflationary spiral would soon be put in reverse."

Mr. Goss said the "interests of the public would be served if some method of economic regulation such as this should be adopted, rather than expending so much effort to regulate monopoly and profiteering through punitive measures."

Matthew Woll, an AFL vice president, expounded his organization's views.

"The AFL is convinced that the feast and famine policy of American industry, which in general has allowed prices and profits to climb to such unprecedented heights that consumer buying power is dangerously lagging, will inevitably lead to economic recession unless corrective action is taken immediately."

**Need for Lower Food Prices.**

Mr. Woll said the AFL believes "that moderate increases in wages in 1947, accompanied by a price reduction policy, industry by industry, according to their ability to lower prices, will assure continuing prosperity with high levels of production and employment."

Declaring food prices "must come down," Mr. Woll added that if they continue upward, "rank and file worker pressure for wage increases will be inevitable."

He said wage increases this spring "have not been accompanied by price increases" and have "served to take up the slack and offset the danger of a sharp collapse of economic activity."

The result, Mr. Woll said, "has been healthy for the economy as a whole."

Mr. Goss said prices for some foods are too high and others too low, mainly because of what he called the inadequacy of the present parity formula—the standard used to gauge whether farm prices are fair in relation to each other and prices for other commodities.

**Hope to Avoid Rationing.**

Mr. Goss declared the present formula is "little better than none at all and because of its many inadequacies is resulting in (the Government) supporting prices of some crops at far above an equitable level without affording any protection at all to other crops." He did not name any specific foods or crops.

The Grange official said food rationing may have to be restored "if we have a shortage such that food cannot be bought at prices which will promote reasonably maximum production."

"We believe, however," he added, "that if the Government will continue with its purchases for military forces and world needs, would pursue a sound policy in selecting foods in greatest abundance and avoid excessive use of foods in short supply, rationing probably would be avoided."

Mr. Goss said price controls should be restored "only as a last resort to prevent profiteering."

**Flyers Trained as Farmers**

In the hope that they will turn to rural life on release, members of the Royal Indian Air Force, due for release from service shortly, are being trained at Jalalabad, Bangalore, in latest farming methods.

## Weather Report

District of Columbia—Considerable cloudiness but less humid with highest near 80 this afternoon. Mostly clear with lowest about 62 tonight. Tomorrow mostly sunny and dry with moderate temperature. Maryland and Virginia—Generally fair and cooler tonight. Mostly sunny and dry tomorrow with moderate temperature.

Wind velocity, 8 miles per hour; direction, northwest.

**From United States Engineers.**

Potomac River Clearing, Perry and at Great Falls, Shenandoah clear at Harper's Ferry.

**Temperature and Humidity.**

(Readings at Washington National Airport.)

	Temperature	Humidity
Yesterday—		
Noon	79	68
4 p.m.	80	68
Midnight	67	67
Today—		
1:30 p.m.	81	64
Record Temperature This Year.		
Highest, 93, on June 11.		
Lowest, 7, on January 8.		

**Tide Tables.**

(Published by United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

	Today	Tomorrow
High	1:38 a.m.	12:21 a.m.
Low	7:38 a.m.	7:33 a.m.

**The Sun and Moon.**

	Rise	Set
Sun, today	5:40	8:36
Sun, tomorrow	5:50	8:33
Moon, today	11:00 p.m.	10:10 a.m.
Automobile lights must be turned on one-half hour after sunset.		

**Precipitation.**

Monthly precipitation in inches in the Capital (current month to date).

Month	1947	Average	Record
January	3.12	3.35	6.24
February	3.18	3.27	6.24
March	1.02	3.75	8.94
April	2.48	3.92	9.29
May	4.44	3.76	10.60
June	6.86	4.15	10.64
July	0.08	4.21	10.63
August	—	3.24	17.45
September	—	3.27	8.60
October	—	3.32	5.96
November	—	3.32	5.96
December	—	3.32	5.96

**Temperatures in Various Cities.**

	High	Low
Albuquerque	90	63
Atlanta	80	60
Baltimore	78	60
Birmingham	78	60
Boston	78	60
Buffalo	65	57
Chicago	80	60
Cincinnati	80	60
Cleveland	80	60
Dayton	80	60
Denver	80	60
Des Moines	80	60
Detroit	80	60
El Paso	80	60
Galveston	80	60
Hartford	80	60
Indianapolis	80	60
Kansas City	80	60
Los Angeles	80	60
Louisville	80	60



"NOBODY RENTS TO PEOPLE WITH KIDS"—Marine Veteran Thomas J. Ahearn, and his wife, a former member of Marine Women's Reserve, who set up a tent in Lafayette Park yesterday after the house they had occupied in Arlington was sold. Police made them move, but found them shelter in the Washington Tourist Camp. —Star Staff Photo.

## Army Distributes Book On Red Spies in America

The War Department yesterday disclosed an Army-wide distribution of copies of "Soviet Spies: The Story of Russian Espionage in North America."

It said this book, by Richard Hirsch, is a "publication of timely interest to every member of the military establishment."

About 1,300 copies in a cheap paperback edition are being distributed by the Troop Information and Education Division of the War Department.

A department circular says the book has been purchased from commercial sources and is not an official War Department document. The circular says the book reports on "the breaking of the atomic bomb espionage ring in North America."

A War Department official said the book generally contains material which has been published previously.

## Missionaries Are Warned Of Difficulties in India

By the Associated Press.

WHITBY, Ontario, July 8.—Dr. Rajah B. Manikam, secretary of the National Christian Council of India, declared today that recent political changes in India probably would create difficulties for foreign missionaries "for some time to come."

"Once self-government is achieved the real conflict in politics will not be between the Indian and the foreigner, but among the Indians themselves," Dr. Manikam said in an address before the International Missionary Council.

In Congress (party) circles the conflict is bound to be between the right and left wings, between middle-class capitalists and Communists with a revolutionary program. Christians will have to throw their weight one way or the other and cannot remain neutral," added Dr. Manikam, who holds a doctor of philosophy degree from Columbia University.

## Vatican Paper Opposes Birth Moratorium

By the Associated Press.

VATICAN CITY, July 8.—L'Osservatore Romano, attacking proposals of Margaret Sanger—birth control advocate—for a 10-year moratorium on births in the hungry countries of Europe, declared yesterday that "such encouragement was not needed in many countries dismayed by a fearful decline in births."

"At any rate," the Vatican newspaper said, "such encouragement will never be given by the Catholic Church."

## Hospital Is Dark For 30 Minutes During Operation

By the Associated Press.

PATERSON, N. J., July 8.—When a power failure plunged the operating room of St. Joseph's Hospital into darkness Sunday night, a surgeon held a patient's severed abdominal artery for 30 minutes until the hospital's emergency lighting system was put in operation.

Dr. V. W. Gludice, who was performing an appendectomy, assisted by Dr. Francis J. Brogan, had made the incision in the patient's abdomen. Just as the operating room went dark, Dr. Gludice noticed that blood was spurting from the incision. Dr. Gludice located the artery in the darkness, holding it while nurses brought flashlights and candles.

The light was still too dim to proceed with the operation. Working carefully so as not to halt the flow of blood in the patient's body entirely, the surgeon clasped the artery with his hands to prevent further loss of blood.

The surgeons successfully completed the operation after the emergency lighting system was started, and the 65-year-old patient was said to have suffered no ill effects.

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## Family of 5 Finds Brief Haven; Tent Near White House Barred

Thomas J. Ahearn, his wife, and their three children today are living temporarily in the Washington Tourist Camp after an unsuccessful attempt to "camp out" last night in Lafayette Park.

The couple, whose children range in age from 3 months to 2 years, were compelled to leave their tented home at 3618 Wilson boulevard, North Arlington, yesterday morning when the house was sold. They had lived there only four weeks.

The other two weeks they have been in Washington were spent in Union Station, bus depots and parks, they said.

After a day of unsuccessful searching for a home yesterday, the couple, both ex-Marines, took the road, and a collie dog to the park.

**Police Halt Tenting.**

True to traditions of Marines' self-reliance, Mr. Ahearn began to pitch a tent. With them they had three suitcases of clothing, a washboard, two baby carriages, an electric radio and three quarts of milk.

Mr. Ahearn, now an Arlington butcher, had just set up the camouflaged Marine tent, however, when Park Police informed the homeless family they would have to leave.

Mr. Ahearn, 27, could stand it no longer.

"I wish we were all dead," she cried. "We'd be better off."

Then she fainted with the baby in her arms.

Police summoned an Emergency Hospital ambulance. Attendants reported Mrs. Ahearn was suffering from shock and strain.

It was then, through police help, that a cabin was located for them in the Washington Tourist Camp.

"Nobody wants to rent a tent," Ahearn said yesterday. "I checked the Red Cross, Travelers' Aid Bureau, Veterans' Administration and about 100 rent ads."

Mrs. Ahearn, who once worked in a downtown store here, said that after a 3-month-old, Frederick, Ahearn, nearly caught pneumonia after a rainy night when the family slept in the open in Union Station Plaza.

**Met While in Service.**

The Ahearns met while in the service and were married four years ago. Mrs. Ahearn, whose maiden name was Winifred Sherman, once lived at 923 Twenty-second street, N.W. She attended Bladensburg High School. She also formerly lived in Hyattsville.

Mr. Ahearn is from Waterbury, Conn., where his father lives.

"I was just discharged from the Marine Corps, too," he said. "We were going up there, but Dad said things are just the same. He's living from night to night on park benches, too."

Young Mr. Ahearn said he could afford to pay \$60 a month rent and he doesn't care if he has to move to the country. "Anything would be better for my family than sleeping in public," he said.

Their children, besides Frederick, are Timmy, 20 months, and Thomas John, Jr., 2.

## Clyde Beatty Circus Train Derailed; 1 Killed, 6 Hurt

By the Associated Press.

HUBBARD, Neb., July 8.—Eight cars of Clyde Beatty's 15-car circus train were derailed in the early morning darkness today, killing one circus worker and injuring at least six.

The accident happened on the northeast outskirts of this village as the circus was en route from last night's Sioux City, Iowa, showing to an engagement at Norfolk, Neb., tonight.

Mr. Beatty himself was one of the first out of the wrecked train. He assigned several of the elephants to dragging away torn ties and rails and pulling in replacements. His cargo, he said, includes the largest, fiercest mixed group of savage jungle-bred male and female tigers I have ever handled. But the animals, most of them in the fore part of the train which stayed on the tracks, did not escape their cages.

A number of the performers jumped to safety as the train began to leave the tracks.

The man killed was John C. Fisher, 40, Lewistown, Pa. assistant boss canvasman. His head and chest were crushed by the wheels of a circus truck which rolled over him as he slept in a sleeping bag atop a flat car.

## Schacht in Nuernberg As Witness in Trial

By the Associated Press.

NUERNBERG, Germany, July 8.—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former Finance Minister of Nazi Germany, was brought here yesterday under heavy police guard to serve as a witness in an American war crimes trial. Officials disclosed today.

There is no official indication in which of the several trials now in progress Schacht will testify. He was brought from the German labor camp at Ludwigsburg, where Schacht is serving an eight-year denazification sentence.

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## British Commander In Palestine O.K.'s 3 Death Sentences

By the Associated Press.

JERUSALEM, July 8.—Lt. Gen. G. H. R. MacMillan, commander of British forces in the Holy Land, today confirmed the death sentences imposed by a British military court June 16 on three young Jews convicted of participating in the Acre Prison delivery.

Gen. MacMillan also confirmed life sentences which had been imposed on two other Jews convicted of participating in the delivery last May 4, during which 261 prisoners escaped and 16 persons were killed. All five convicted men were allegedly members of Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organization.

Relatives of the condemned men previously had appealed to the United Nations Commission on Palestine to intervene in their behalf. The appeals were relayed to the British by the commission with a resolution expressing anxiety less execution of the death sentences create disturbances in Palestine which might interfere with the commission's work.

**Reprisals Threatened.**

Irgun Zvai Leumi has threatened "blood-for-blood" reprisals for the execution of any of its members.

Advised of Gen. MacMillan's action, Emil Sandstrom, chairman of the U. N. Commission, refused comment, pointing out that the case still must go before the Palestine high commissioner.

"It is not definite that they'll be hanged," he said.

The three Jews under sentence of death are Yacoub Weiss, 23, laborer; Absalom Harib, 20, clerk, and Meier Naker, 21, shoemaker.

Those sentenced to life imprisonment were Amnon Michaelov and Nathan Ziterbaum.

The sentences were imposed on the same day that the 11-man United Nations Commission began its on-the-spot inquiry into the Holy Land problem. The commission resolution expressing concern over possible reprisals from Jewish sources was adopted on June 22, with the Australian member opposing the measure and Yugoslavia abstaining.

**Palestine Government Replied.**

The resolution, which was transmitted to U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie for relay to the British, brought from the Palestine government an immediate reply that discussion was out of order at that time because the sentences had not been confirmed and the case was still in legal process.

The British government later handed Mr. Lie a similar communication, saying it had noted the contents of the resolution and pointing out that it was within the power of Gen. Sir Alan Gordon Cunningham, British high commissioner for Palestine, to pardon the condemned men.

Edith Weiss, sister of one of the condemned trio, arrived here from Czechoslovakia by plane yesterday and visited her brother in Acre prison last night. She planned to appeal personally today to Karel Lisicky, Czechoslovak member of the U. N. Commission, to intervene in Weiss' behalf.

Members of the U. N. Commission privately termed the situation "very unfortunate," but said the group probably would be "very cautious" about taking any action.

"It's a clumsy decision coming at a very awkward time," one member said.

**Weizmann for Partition.**

Meanwhile, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, former president of the World Zionist organization, told the United Nations Palestine commission today he was "convinced that partition" was the solution to the Palestine Problem because it was "final."

Dr. Weizmann declared that "all parties are tired of perpetual tension and friction and want a solution in which relations can be established."

"I am convinced that partition, in spite of its difficulties, in spite of the great sacrifice it means to us, is such a solution because it is final," Dr. Weizmann said.

He asserted that "temporary makeshifts" "will merely prolong the present agony."

**Arrest of 105 Jews In Italy Reported**

ROME, July 8 (AP)—The Italian news agency Ansa reported today from Bolzano the arrest of 105 Jews said to have crossed the Italian-Austrian frontier illegally. The agency said the Jews told authorities they were trying to get to Palestine.

**South Africa Seeks Safety**

"Keep death off the roads," is the slogan of a \$100,000 government-financed publicity campaign in South Africa, now being conducted in newspapers, posters, theaters and radio for a six-month period.

**Death Toll Now 28 In Calcutta Rioting**

CALCUTTA, July 8.—Continued Hindu-Muslim rioting claimed three more lives today, bringing the official toll of casualties since early yesterday to 28 dead and more than 141 injured.

Unofficial reports of the casualties ran as high as 50 dead and more than 200 hurt.

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## Reports From Experts Lend More Serious View to 'Discs'

The Army Air Forces, realizing it is "the No. 1 suspect" in the "flying saucer" mystery, today assigned investigators to sift a mass of conflicting information from all over the country.

Specific reports from scientists and trained airmen lent a more serious view to the situation than merely that the Nation was suffering a touch of mid-summer madness accompanied by spots before the eyes.

AAP intelligence officers assigned to correlate the more specific reports, including that of a Naval Research Laboratory employee, include at least one officer who investigated statements of military airmen that circular "foo fighters" were seen over Europe and on the bombing route to Japan during World War II.

The Navy employee, C. J. Zohn, said he saw one of the mystifying discs on a recent Navy mission to New Mexico in connection with rocket research. Both the Navy and the Army, however, deny that any secret projects are under way of a nature to produce the objects described.

Mr. Zohn had gone to the Southwest for V-2 rocket tests, and was crossing the desert with three other men, two of them scientists, when he saw a "bright and silvery" disc with no projections traveling north at an altitude of some 10,000 feet.

"It was clearly visible at first," Mr. Zohn said, "and suddenly it wasn't there." He was sure at the time the object was not a meteor. Mr. Zohn, who is stationed at the Naval Research Laboratory here, and lives at 440 Mellon street S.E., did not discount the possibility the object was a guided missile, although unlikely as he had never heard of before.

Meanwhile, the "flying saucer" tag reeled on elsewhere. The Associated Press reported. Stiff necks and goggles eyes were the order of the day. Sky watching was a new profession.

**41 States Join Disc Brigade.**

Tabulators figured 41 States had joined the disc brigade since the objects first were reported June 25. Explanations? Take your choice: They were radio-controlled flying missiles sent aloft by United States scientists, or they were merely light reflected on wing tanks of jet-propelled planes.

The World Inventors' Congress posted \$1,000 for delivery of a flying disc to the exposition which opens in Los Angeles Friday.

Could they be spotted by radar? A spokesman for the AAP said here that no attempt had been made to spot the spinning, flying, whirling, stationary discs because there was not enough equipment to blanket the Nation.

Lt. Col. Harry W. Schaefer of the Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol announced in Milwaukee his group planned to conduct a series of mass flights in hopes of learning something about the flying objects.

Searching for an answer, Caspar W. Coss, United States patent commissioner, said he did not think any of the 3,000,000 patents on file in his office held the explanation to the saucers.

ported today to have estimated at 350,000 the number of Europeans in need of aid under the Marshall recovery plan.

Europe's population, not counting Russia, as 404,222,840.

Mr. Stofor spoke last night at the first meeting of a 14-man inter-ministerial committee to study Italy's role in European reconstruction under the plan.

Unofficial accounts said he made his estimate in speaking of the job before the committee. He was reported also to have held that Italy's most valuable contribution to continental recovery could be Italian labor.

Over last week end, Communist Party Leader Palmiro Togliatti and Umberto Terracini made statements indicating that Italian communism was not unalterably opposed to participation in the Marshall plan.

This appeared to give Italy a solid footing on the matter seemingly lacking in some countries with strong Communist parties.

**Marshall Plan**  
(Continued From First Page.)

slavia would be glad to accept American credits but "prefer to have relations directly with creditors in Europe and without intermediaries."

Prior to the Tass reports, some Paris sources had predicted in view of the news from Prague that nearly all Slav states would accept their conference invitations, perhaps under specified conditions or with certain reservations.

The Hungarian government, trustworthy Budapest informant, said, was scheduled to consider today a petition drawn up by some members seeking the consent of the Allied Control Council to Hungary's taking part in the conference.

Britain, France and Russia are represented on this council, but only Russia has a vote.

**Need Aid, Stofor Says**

ROME, July 8 (AP)—Italian Foreign Minister Carlo Stofor was reported today to have said that 350,000,000 Europeans need aid.

**FLOOR MACHINES RENTED**  
Kennedy Floor & Tile Co.  
RA. 4346  
709 St. N.W.

**South Africa Seeks Safety**

"Keep death off the roads," is the slogan of a \$100,000 government-financed publicity campaign in South Africa, now being conducted in newspapers, posters, theaters and radio for a six-month period.

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## Greece for Plebiscite In Northern Epirus, Meeting Here Told

Greek Premier Demetrios Maximos wants the people of Northern Epirus to decide their own future with a free plebiscite. Photis Kyritsis of Boston, supreme president of the Panepirotic Federation of America, said today in his report to the fifth annual meeting of the federation here.

The federation convention, which opened yesterday and closes tomorrow, is meeting at the Statler Hotel. The federation is composed of more than 30,000 persons born in Northern Epirus who are now American citizens. The territory, part of Greece until taken over by Albania during World War I, is the subject of a dispute between the two countries.

Mr. Kyritsis and Senator McGrath, Democrat, of Rhode Island will speak on the Northern Epirus question at 10 o'clock tonight over Radio Station WWDC.

A special session of Congress to consider the Marshall plan for the

# LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Yellowstone County, Montana will receive sealed bids until 10:30 o'clock a. m. Friday, February 23, 1945 for one (1) wide gauge cable control angle dozer suitable for mounting and operating on a TD-18 International Tractor. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal in amount to 10% (ten percent) of the bid, together with the complete specifications covering the particular equipment offered for sale. Address all bids to C. E. Wicks, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Billings, Montana. Each bid should be marked, "Bid for Angle Dozer." The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

GEO. G. OSTEN, County Clerk.

(Date First Pub. Feb. 7, 1945-3t)

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Hattie S. Hansen, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executors of the Estate of Hattie S. Hansen, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executors at the law office of T. H. Burke, 216 Securities Building, Billings, Mont., in the County of Yellowstone, State of Montana.

Dated at Billings, Montana, January 29, 1945.

MRS. HAZEL BUTLER, L. E. BUTLER, Executors of the Estate of Hattie S. Hansen, Deceased.

(Date First Pub. Feb. 7, 1945-4t)

## CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Yellowstone County at its office at Billings, Montana, on the 2nd day of March, 1945, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., for 120,000 pounds, more or less (the definite amount to be the County's requirement for budget year 1944-1945) of Sodium Chlorate and/or Atlatide (bids to be made separate and Board reserves the right to order a mixed car) delivery to be made at such times and in such quantities during said budget year as decided by said Board.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Prices to be F. O. B. Billings, Montana, this 14th day of February, 1945.

C. M. YERRINGTON, Chairman Pro-tem of Board of County Commissioners, Yellowstone County, Montana.

(Date First Pub. Feb. 14, 1945-3t)

## STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Old Mill Ditch company will be held at the office of the Secretary in Laurel, Montana, February 26, 1945, at 2:30 p. m., for the election of five trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

E. L. FENTON, Secretary.

(Date First Pub. Feb. 14, 1945-2t)

## ALIAS-SUMMONS

In Justice Court, Laurel Township, Before F. H. Suddith, Justice of the Peace.

State of Montana, County of Yellowstone, ss.

J. J. Parker, Plaintiff, vs. E. L. Murphy, Defendant.

THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT, GREETING:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the above named Justice Court and if such answer be in writing file the same and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff or his attorney, within six days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The above action was brought to recover a judgment against you for the sum of \$32.00 due upon a promissory note dated August 12, 1944, and due September 20, 1944, which sum you agreed to pay together with an attorney fee of \$15.00 and all costs of this action.

Given under my hand this 17th day of February, A. D. 1945.

F. H. SUDDITH, Justice of the Peace.

B. L. Price, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Laurel, Montana.

(Date First Pub. Feb. 21, 1945-4t)

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Fred C. Scheidecker, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of Fred C. Scheidecker, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executrix at her residence 201 2nd Ave., in Laurel, in the County of Yellowstone, State of Montana.

Dated at Laurel, Montana, February 20, 1945.

EMMA JANE SCHEIDECKER, Executrix of the Estate of Fred C. Scheidecker, Deceased.

B. L. Price, Attorney for Executrix.

(Date First Pub. Feb. 21, 1945-4t)

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company will be held at the Hawthorne School House at 8 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, February 27, for the purpose of electing directors and the transaction of other business.

By order of the President, H. N. Shay.

ROSCOE SHAY, Secretary.

(First Pub. Feb. 14, 1945-2t)

## Eerie Fire Balls Pace

### German Planes in West

NIGHT FIGHTER BASE, FRANCE. — American fighter pilots engaged in flying night intruder missions over Germany report the Nazis have come up with a new "secret weapon." They are mysterious "balls of fire" that race along beside their planes for miles like will-o'-the-wisps.

Yank pilots have dubbed them "foe fighters" and at first thought they might explode, but so far there is no indication that any planes have been damaged by them.

Some pilots have expressed belief that the "foe fighter" was designed strictly as a psychological weapon. Intelligence reports seem to indicate it is radio-controlled from the ground and can keep pace with planes flying 300 miles an hour.

Lieut. Donald Meiers of Chicago said there are three types of "foe fighters"—red balls of fire that fly along at wing tip, a vertical row of three balls of fire that fly in front of the planes and a group of about 15 lights that follow the plane at a distance, flickering on and off.

## Nurses Are Calm During

### Heavy Buzz-Bomb Attacks

SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM. — Army nurses are weathering the heaviest buzz-bomb attacks of the war with a calmness that causes soldiers to think twice before ducking every time they hear a V-1.

Dozens of bombs are falling in some areas day and night, yet the nurses go about their duties as though they were working in a hospital back home.

## Deferred Maintenance

A recent survey by the National Association of Real Estate Boards estimates a total deferred maintenance market approximating \$30 billion. Of this, it is estimated that \$6 billion will go to the painting contractor, and \$1.8 billion for paint.

# COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

(Continued from Page Six)

Doane Agricultural Service, Inc., supplies.....	10.00
Hall Perry Mch. Co., supplies.....	161.87
Carter Oil Co., supplies.....	79.72
Carter Oil Co., road oil.....	313.56
Hines Motor Company, supplies.....	422.75
Lamb Upholstery, supplies.....	91.00
Foreman's Garage, supplies.....	.75
Northwestern Auto Supply Co., supplies.....	77.49
Mary E. Gauen, witness.....	1.50
Ja North, witness.....	1.50
S. R. Bell, witness.....	1.50
Mrs. Florence Louk, witness.....	1.50
Yellowstone County Payroll, salaries.....	9,849.75
Verne Lampert, contract services.....	113.50
Jane Grieve Elze, services.....	75.00
Lillian Stone, salary.....	79.16
Helen Ostwald, salary.....	140.00
Lois S. Hodgskiss, salary.....	50.00
W. H. Jones, services.....	127.08
Chas. Wicks, per diem & mileage.....	216.10
G. W. Fenton, per diem & mileage.....	199.25
C. M. Yerrington, per diem & mileage.....	168.35
Georgia Ring, services.....	50.00
Evelyn Bosacker, services.....	125.00
Beth Crawford, salary.....	86.25
W. E. Spurgin, salary.....	76.78
Carl Klein, services.....	100.00
Freda Richardson, services.....	55.00
Ralph Glantz, services.....	75.00
Harry C. Reeves, services.....	75.00
Clare Logan, services.....	100.00
W. A. Hanley, services.....	129.50
H. E. Rux, salary.....	98.70
J. S. Jimason, salary.....	110.00
E. Weber, salary.....	198.70
A. Sievertsen, salary.....	65.94
Mrs. Clarence Caldwell, coal.....	125.00
Ruth Gennings, services.....	85.00
Edith May Ann Snyder, services.....	110.00
Henry S. Nutt, services.....	150.00
A. T. Barber, services & mileage.....	105.50
Pearl Daylong, services.....	85.00
Helena C. Reider, services & mileage.....	91.40
Anna Marie Malicot, services.....	100.00
Inez B. Cook, services.....	85.00
Josie Eddy, services.....	90.00
Olive V. Larson, services.....	85.00
Robt. J. Thorburn, travel & expense.....	9.80
John Plaster, salary.....	74.39
Montana Power Co., Electricity.....	26.25
Snook Art Co., services.....	75.00
Chapple's, Inc., supplies.....	1.40
Chapple's, Inc., supplies.....	1.60
Wyoming-Montana Electric, repairs.....	92.14
George Wertz, salary.....	129.80
Fred Carl, services.....	57.45
Frank Braley, salary.....	63.90
Herbert Bailey, postage.....	56.25
Orville Stubbs, transient services.....	40.00
John O'Donnell, services & mileage.....	195.63
W. F. Farns, stock salvage.....	90.14
Vocational School for Girls, care of inmates.....	54.25
Dr. A. E. Stripp, birth reports.....	427.00
Dr. A. E. Stripp, services.....	37.50
Maynard Stationery Co., supplies.....	114.95
City Water Dept., water.....	41.31
Snook Art Co., supplies.....	6.70
County Auditor, petty cash.....	38.94
W. A. Combs, bonds.....	74.00
Billings Gas Company, gas.....	425.00
F. H. Suddith, fees.....	5.00
Verne Lampert, services.....	8.50
F. H. Suddith, supplies.....	28.61
Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone.....	199.85
Paul King, services.....	24.05
Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone.....	11.70
Lee Vermandel, services & mileage.....	137.25
Wm. McCartney, services & mileage.....	216.50
Mrs. V. G. Adams, services.....	125.00
Laurel Outlook, services.....	65.56
County Auditor, petty cash.....	13.07
Dept. Public Welfare, 1/2 salaries & mileage.....	629.91
Dept. Public Welfare, child W.....	78.00
Dept. Public Welfare, 1/6 O.A.A. ADC, ANB.....	3,817.83
State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, care & supplies.....	152.05
City Food Meat Market, supplies.....	34.36
Montana Deaconess School, care of inmates.....	30.00
Florence Crittenton Home, care of inmates.....	15.00
Dr. E. C. Hall, services.....	49.90
Donald J. MacDonald, services.....	75.00
Dr. T. H. Gunderson, services.....	37.50
Dr. Lewis F. Downs, services.....	37.50
House of Good Shepherd, care of inmates.....	15.00
Gallagher Trans. & Stge. Co., freight.....	1.06
County Auditor, petty cash.....	12.64
Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone.....	18.25
Willis Sales Co., supplies.....	8.55
Billings Gas Company, services.....	135.68
Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone.....	25.35
St. Vincent's Hospital, services.....	44.50

## PAYROLL FOR JANUARY, 1945

Clerk and Recorder	
Geo. G. Osten, clerk and recorder.....	250.00
D. G. Backhoff, ch. deputy.....	191.67
George Bunge, bookkeeper.....	185.00
H. A. Kichli, deputy.....	172.50
Hildon Kuntz, deputy.....	172.50
Rosella Fritz, deputy.....	172.50
Martha Ostwald, deputy.....	158.12
Delores M. Higgins, assistant.....	135.00
County Treasurer	
Orville C. Berry, Treasurer.....	250.00
Sam Reid, ch. deputy.....	200.00
J. O. Terrell, deputy.....	172.50
Mildred Hankins, deputy.....	172.50
Dan Behan, deputy.....	172.50
Mary M. Dunleavy, deputy.....	172.50
Irene Oberweiser, assistant.....	140.00
Laverna Bachmann, clerk.....	125.00

## Assessor

T. A. Cothron, assessor.....	114.58
F. A. Morse, ch. deputy.....	95.83
R. F. Royalty, deputy.....	86.25
A. Williams, deputy.....	172.50
Joseph W. Farrell, deputy.....	172.50
L. C. Arnold, deputy.....	86.25
Brooke Herford, deputy.....	86.25
C. O. Thompson, deputy.....	172.50
Marilyn Fletcher, assistant.....	125.00

## Clerk of Court

Katie Davies, clerk of court.....	275.00
E. O. Price, ch. deputy.....	200.00
Bernadine Boyd, deputy.....	172.50
Mary F. MacDonald, deputy.....	172.50
C. S. Prater, court steno.....	175.00
Guy E. Marvin, court steno.....	175.00

## County Attorney

Melvin N. Hoiness, county attorney.....	137.50
E. E. Collins, ch. deputy.....	220.00
Joan Laughlin, stenographer.....	62.50
Georgia Fisher, secretary & stenographer.....	62.50

## County Auditor

Frank J. Gorman, co. auditor.....	103.13
Kathryn Little, deputy.....	79.06
County Surveyor	
C. E. Durland.....	300.00

## County Superintendent of Schools

T. E. Pemberton, superintendent.....	200.00
Ambernetta Klampe, deputy.....	172.50
Ada M. Warner, deputy.....	172.50

## Sheriff

Herbert Bailey, sheriff.....	320.91
S. J. Pepley, Undersheriff.....	210.83
C. H. Rusch, deputy.....	172.50
E. J. Oldridge, deputy.....	172.50
Lock Boyles, deputy.....	172.50
Ernest Howard, deputy.....	172.50
H. L. Hampton, deputy.....	158.12
Joe Nicholas, deputy.....	172.50
Arthur H. Bingham, deputy.....	158.12
Mrs. Mae O'Donnell, deputy.....	158.12
Donna F. Pepley, deputy.....	50.00
Justices of Peace and Constables	
T. W. Polly, justice of peace.....	220.00
Emil Borberg, justice of peace.....	220.00
Stone W. Matlock, constable.....	137.50
Wallace A. Bent, constable.....	137.50
G. A. Cook, engineer.....	178.25
Paul King, janitor.....	66.00
Fred Carl, janitor.....	65.00
J. W. Hastings, janitor.....	93.50
Harry Thycoth, janitor.....	66.00

## Acting Probation Officer

Robert J. Thorburn, acting probation officer.....	200.00
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## Board adjourned.

Approved: CHAS. E. WICKS, Chairman.

Attest: GEO. G. OSTEN, Clerk.

## Powdered Metal Is Aid in War Effort

### Speeds Up Manufacture of Delicate Instruments.

DETROIT. — Too many Americans believe that the most important scientific research and enterprise has been developed in foreign countries, according to A. J. Langhammer, president of the Amplex division of Chrysler corporation. "It's time to advise the American public that scientific research here equals or surpasses that of any other nation," Langhammer said, "and it is part of industry's job to prove it."

Langhammer, who directs powdered metal and research production for Chrysler, charged that foreign developments frequently have been more spectacular because so often concentrated on devices to kill, such as Germany's robot plane. "In this country we have designed for peace, but when faced with war our scientists and research men have met the challenge. And we had the know-how to build mass production machinery to finish the job, and build the greatest war machine in world history," Langhammer said.

The Amplex chief pointed to advances in powdered metallurgy as one of research's most important contributions to war production, making possible mass production of intricate parts at incalculable savings in time, labor and strategic materials.

"Record after record was broken in getting under way fast," Langhammer said. "Powdered metallurgy made possible immediate manufacture of scientific equipment and apparatus otherwise unobtainable."

Though use of powdered metal was known to the ancients, Langhammer said Amplex was among pioneers to use it in making oil impregnated bearings and parts which may last the life of a plane, tank or gun without needing lubrication.

"From Oilite bearings to precision instruments and iron parts that are hard as tool steel—through newer developments that are still military secrets—was a logical, though not a simple step," Langhammer said.

## Sun Ray Shield

Scientists claim the earth's atmosphere shields its inhabitants from harmful sun rays and helps to equalize day and night temperatures.

# Want ADS OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS HERE

NOTICE—ALL CLASSIFIED ADS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE UNLESS YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT HERE.

WANTED—Typewriter in fair condition and small adding machine. Martin Magnus, Gen. Del., phone 0314-R-1. 1tp

Will take care of children at Apt. 3, Chamberlin. 1t

WAITRESSES WANTED—Yellowstone Cafe. 2-14-4t

FOR SALE—4 and 7 room houses in Laurel. See Lohof or phone Thompson Yards at 78. 12-13-4t

FOR SALE—1st, 2nd and 3rd cutting alfalfa hay. Harry Penning, phone 110, Laurel. 2-14-4t

WANTED—Late model car from private owner. Phone 2232, or write M. Grewell, Deaconess, Bgs. 1-31-4t

WANTED—Clean cotton rags. Will pay 10 to 15c lb. Greening Chevrolet Co. 1-31-4t

FOR SALE—Good coal furnace. Has hot water tank. Inquire Thompson Yards. 1-10-4t

WANTED—To rent 4 or 5-acre tract with house and barn near roundhouse or shops. Box 1135, Laurel, or 719 East Main. 2-14-2tp

LOST—Black curly dog. L. No. 112. Ph. 366-J. 1tp

FOR SALE—Heavy dressed young hens. Phone 0312-R-5. 1tp

Cures Sleeplessness

Sleeplessness in 11 out of 12 cases was cured by Dr. Michael M. Miller of the United States marine hospital at Ellis Island after he cut the amount of salt in the diet. Six of the patients were marines who could not sleep, and six were former morphine addicts.

## Cooking Meat

Cooking with moist heat tends to make tough meats tender. The moisture may be applied in the form of water, vegetable or fruit juice, or milk. Dry heat is best for tender cuts. This means that no moisture is added, the meat is neither covered nor basted. Low to moderate steady heat is best for cooking all meats, all cuts, by all methods. It makes for evenness of cooking, tenderness, preserves flavor and prevents waste in shrinkage.

## As I have sold my farm, I will sell all chattel property at public auction on the home place 1 mile south of Park City, on

# Auction Sale

As I have sold my farm, I will sell all chattel property at public auction on the home place 1 mile south of Park City, on

## Saturday, Feb. 24

Sale starts at 11 o'clock A. M. Lunch by Ladies Aid. Bring your cups.

## 2 HEAD OF CATTLE

Two 8-year-old Holstein Cows from Charles Kennedy Herd, fresh 3 months; production, 3 to 4 gallons each.

## 7 HEAD OF HORSES

One team of 8-year-old Grey Mares weighing about 1650 lbs. each. One smoothmouth Grey Mare } Team. One smoothmouth Bay Gelding } 4-year-old Sorrel Saddle Horse, broke. 4-year-old dark Bay Gelding, saddle stock, unbroken. 3-year-old Black Saddle Gelding.

## PIGS

2 shoats weighing 150 to 200 pounds each.

## CHICKENS

40 Leghorn and Black Minorcas. Brooder, Brooder Stove, Incubator.

## SEED

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POPULATION	
(1940 Census)	
Lincoln County	24,187
Lincolnton	4,525
Crouse	221
Iron Station	96
Denver	854

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## American Forces Unite For Squeeze On German Army

### Eat First Hot Meal



The china platters seem out of place as Stephen Longstrech, Carnegie, Pa., infantryman, eats his first hot meal after 15 days of siege of the town of Hurlen, Germany.

## AMERICANS HIT MINDRO ISLES IN NEW LANDING

### Flyers Have Field Day In Destroying Or Damaging Ships Off Luzon.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Thursday, Jan. 4.—American forces putting increasing pressure on the northern Philippines sank or set afire 25 Japanese ships along the west coast of Luzon New Year's Day while Yank troops made two additional unopposed landings on the east and west coasts of Mindoro island.

The heavy blows against enemy shipping ranged virtually the full length of Luzon, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced. Liberators heavy bombers destroyed a wharf at Vigan, north of Lingayen gulf, and damaged a 6,000-ton freighter in attacks New Year's Eve and early next morning.

Another Liberator left a 7,000-ton transport sinking Monday night and the same night A-20 attack bombers and fighters sank or damaged 21 small freighters in the Palauin bay area, midway between Bataan and Lingayen. Two large trawlers were listed as other victims.

### Pvt. Gettys Martin Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin, of Charlotte, Route 9, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pfc. Gettys Martin, has been missing in action in Germany since December 12. No other particulars were given.

## Failure To Hit Nazis 'On Nose' Flayed By 1918 Chief Of Staff

Washington, Dec. 30.—Gen. Peyton C. March deplored yesterday what he termed the Allied failure to hit the advancing German armies "on the nose."

The World War Chief of Staff also: 1. Declared a complete breakdown in Allied military intelligence preceded the Nazi counter-offensive. 2. Intimated that talk of "unconditional surrender" had hampered military operations. 3. Expressed doubt that Russia would join in the war against Japan. One year ago he said the Germans wouldn't be beaten in 1944.

You could almost hear the expression on his face today, his fifth anniversary. It said "hah!"

And the way Field Marshal Gen. Gerd von Rundstedt has been pushing the Allies back, Gen. March won't

## WARTIME RATIONING GUIDE

**SUGAR**—Book 4, stamp 34 good for 5 pounds indefinitely.  
**GASOLINE**—Coupon 14 in A book good for 4 gallons expires March 21.  
**SHOES**—Airplane stamps 1, 2, and 3 in book 3 valid indefinitely.  
**FOOD**—Red stamps Q5 through S5 in book 4 valid indefinitely for meats, fats, and oils. Blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 and B2 in book 4 valid indefinitely for processed foods.  
**FUEL OIL**—Period 4 and 5 coupons from last year and period 1, 2, and 3 coupons for this year valid throughout the current heating season.

### Hodges' Forces Join Patton's In Putting Terrific Pressure On Salient—Eleven Enemy Divisions Hacked To Pieces In Offensive.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The U. S. First Army drove into the northern flank of the Germans' Belgian bulge today, joining the U. S. Third Army which is on the southern side in putting a gigantic squeeze on the salient where eleven enemy divisions have been hacked to pieces and 400 enemy tanks destroyed from Dec. 16 through Dec. 31.

Location and depth of the First Army thrust were not disclosed in the official information released at Supreme Allied Headquarters late tonight.

The Third Army, however, has smashed into Bourcy, five and one-half miles northeast of Bastogne, it was announced, amid reports from the field that the Germans were heavily reinforcing their mauled divisions facing that flank.

Front line correspondents estimated the Germans still had about 20 divisions, half of them panzers, in the bulge; official sources said that eight divisions were facing the Third Army on 25 to 30 miles of the bulge's southern flank from a point east of St. Hubert to north of Wiltz. At least half of these were panzers, with the bulk of the better German troops centered around Bastogne.

Nazis Strengthened. The Germans were reinforcing heavily around Houffalize, nine miles north of Bastogne, and five miles beyond Bourcy, deepest announced point of Yank penetration into the bulge, Associated Press Correspondent Roger Greene, radioed from the front.

It was officially estimated today that Field Marshal Von Rundstedt lost 20,000 men captured and 400 tanks destroyed by ground forces alone in the first 16 days of his spectacular drive to the west, and that in addition six Nazi armored divisions and five armored divisions and five infantry divisions were severely cut up by the fighting Americans. Unofficial estimates in the field put the enemy's total casualties in the offensive at 60,000.

Evidently most of these casualties were inflicted by the U. S. Third Army, which a field dispatch estimated had destroyed the equivalent of five Nazi divisions since entering the battle December 20. From 8,000 to 9,000 men were in each enemy division. The Third had taken 7,825 prisoners.

The official estimate, described as conservative, took into account the enemy's losses only through December 31 in the battle of the bulge. Patton's multi-headed armored offensive had exacted an additional heavy toll in the last three days, during which the Germans had been knocked from more than a dozen towns in the Bastogne area.

even predict victory for the Allies in 1945. He'll only go so far as to say the Germans are going to lose, some time.

The Japanese are even tougher, he said.

**Hitler Blamed.** Gen. March said that one reason the Allied military intelligence "broke down completely" is Hitler himself.

"In the other countries, we depended a great deal on the underground for invaluable information. Hitler got rid of all such elements in Germany itself. He has a homogeneous nation."

General March won't accept the theory that the weather interferes in such operations.

He says it's high time we stop blaming the weather and the terrain.

"I never saw it snow on one side and not on the other..."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's statement that the war in Europe would be won by Christmas "if everyone does his part" was "too iffy" and never should have been made, General March added. It just wasn't "in the cards."

**'Unconditional Surrender' Hit.** "All this talk of unconditional surrender and what we're going to do to them hasn't been very helpful to us," he declared.

The Japanese will be even more of a problem on their home soil, General March predicted.

In doubting that Russia will ever get into the war against Japan, he said:

"I suppose his government is trying to get Siberian bases and this was the year when we were in the best position to demand them. But don't forget that Stalin once told a Japanese, 'I am an Asiatic too.'"

### General Arnold Meets Air Aces



Gen. H. H. ("Hap") Arnold talks to group of recently returned war-zone pilots at football game in Los Angeles Coliseum. He is being congratulated upon his promotion to the rank of "General of the Armies."

## Lincoln Set-Up For Infantile Paralysis Drive Announced

### CROWELL HOSPITAL ON APPROVED LIST

The Gordon Crowell Memorial Hospital was one of 3,152 hospitals in the United States and Canada placed on the approved list of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, associate director and head of the Hospital Standardization Department of the College, in announcing the list gave the following requirements, which the American College of Surgeons considers fundamental to good hospital care:

1. Modern physical plant, assuring the patient safety, comfort and efficiency.
2. Clearly defined organization, duties, responsibilities and relations.
3. Carefully selected governing board with complete and supreme authority.
4. Competent, well trained superintendent responsible to the governing board.
5. Adequate and efficient personnel, properly organized and competently supervised.
6. Organized medical staff of ethical, competent physicians and surgeons.
7. Adequate, diagnostic and therapeutic facilities under competent medical supervision.
8. Accurate, complete medical records, readily accessible for research and follow-up.
9. Regular group conferences of the administrative staff and of the medical staff for reviewing activities and results so as to maintain a high plane of scientific efficiency.
10. A humanitarian spirit—the primary consideration being the best care of the patient.

A story which is probably not true, is told by a young Brooklyn soldier who was on maneuvers in Oregon. Having a few minutes to himself after evening chow, he strolled out into the woods and soon came back with a handful of rattlesnake rattles. "Where in the world did you get them?" gasped his alarmed companions.

"Off'n a woin," replied the lad from Brooklyn.

## Methodists Expecting Many to Attend Rally Here Friday, Jan. 12

### Will Be One Of Three Simultaneous Meetings To Be Held In Gastonia District.

Each Methodist church in Lincoln county is expected to have a large delegation present at the Crusade for Christ rally at the First Methodist church in Lincolnton on Friday night, January 12, at 7:30 p. m., when Miss Ruth Lawrence, missionary to Poland, will speak on behalf of the Crusade. This is one of three simultaneous meetings to be held in the Gastonia district on that night. The others will be at the Main Street Methodist church in Gastonia for the Methodist churches of Gaston county, and at Central Methodist church in Shelby for those in Cleveland.

Lincoln county's Methodist churches are grouped in eight charges, each under the supervision of a pastor. They are Boger City, with Rev. A. A. Kyles; Crouse, with Rev. D. L. Stubbs, Jr.; Lincolnton Circuit, with Rev. J. T. Bowman; Lincolnton First, with Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr.; Rhine Heights, with Rev. Paul R. Rayle; Rock Springs, with Rev. John Green;

### Dr. L. A. Crowell, Jr., Will Again Head Campaign In This County.

Dr. Lester A. Crowell, Jr., will again head the annual fund raising appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, as director for Lincoln county. Dr. Crowell's assistants will be as follows: Township Chairman, Lincolnton Township, Mrs. William Hoffman; Ironton Township, Mrs. Dorsey Rhine; Catawba Springs Township, Mrs. Loy Howard; Howard's Creek Township, Miss Edna Wise; North Brook Township, Blanche L. Heavner; Chairman of the Women's Committee, Mrs. Wiley M. Pickens; Chairman of the Ball Committee, Frank (Hook) Heavner; Chairman Coin Box Committee, Miss Peggy Anne Costner; Chairman Publicity, Col. W. A. Fair.

Where Does This Money Go?

Through November 21, 1944, 846 cases of infantile paralysis had been reported to the State Board of Health during the severe epidemic of the past summer. Of this number 618 patients have received treatment at the following centers: Hickory Polio Emergency Hospital, 435; Gastonia Orthopaedic Hospital, 84; Charlotte Memorial Hospital, 99.

The percentage of these polio patients who will return to normal, or near-normal health, approximately 83 per cent; percentage who will remain some paralysis, 17 per cent; number of deaths at the above hospitals, 13. This is the lowest death rate ever recorded for an infantile paralysis epidemic. The foregoing data is official.

The expenditures for carrying on the work at the above mentioned hospitals were as follows: Hickory, \$234,079.36; Charlotte, \$46,740.48; Gastonia, \$12,045.86.

The total amount of money received in this state from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis during last year's epidemic up to December 27, 1944, was \$439,474.17. From the North Carolina Chapters, \$50,772.92.

The number of polio cases in Lincoln county last year was 19. In a following article the names of these patients will be given, where they were treated and with what results.

### G. W. CONNER OPENS NEW FURNITURE CO.

Lincolnton begins the year 1945 with another new business establishment, a furniture company, which was opened this week in the old Post Office building by G. W. Conner.

In announcing the opening in today's Times, Mr. Conner states that he has for immediate delivery living room suites, studio couches, dining room suites, odd chairs, springs and mattresses and other items.

Mr. Conner for the past six and one-half years has been with the Goodin-Burris Furniture Company and is thoroughly familiar with the furniture business. He is well known in Lincolnton and this vicinity and has many friends who will be interested in his new venture.

### Rotary Club Hears Plans Announced For Inter-City Meeting

The first meeting of the new year of the Rotary Club was held Tuesday at Walgreen's, with Rotarian Clyde A. Short, of Shelby, as the guest speaker. Mr. Short told briefly of the plans for an inter-city meeting of clubs to be held some time in January in Shelby, Lincolnton, Shelby and Spindale have been grouped together for the inter-city meeting, and members of the Shelby Club will be hosts. Rotarian W. M. Lentz, chairman of inter-city meetings for the local club, introduced the speaker.

J. Graham Morrison was presented as a new member and given the Rotary button and the objects of Rotary by Rotarian Joe R. Nixon.

Visitors were Shem K. Blackley, J. Frank Love, Bill McNeill, and Clyde A. Short, of Shelby, and Charlie Bryant, of Gastonia.

### SUPERFORTS LASH ANEW AT HONSHU

#### Jap Homeland Smashed By American Bombers In Daylight On Monday.

Washington. Superfortresses smashed anew today at Japan's teeming island of Honshu, hitting industrial targets in daylight.

The size of the attacking force and its specific targets were not disclosed in a War Department communique announcing the strike by the Saipan-based sky dreadnaughts.

In their base against the Japanese homeland since December 27, the B-29's possibly uncorked another whirlwind attack against the Musshima factory of the Nakajima Aircraft Company. One of the principal producers of military planes, this plant was the primary target of the December 27 raid and of several previous aerial thrusts.

Honshu is the principal island of the Japanese Archipelago. It is the site of such vital manufacturing, shipping and administrative centers as Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Kobe and Osaka.

The monster bombers spanned a round trip of more than 3,000 miles to hit the Nipponese homeland from bases in the Mariana Islands.

The raid was carried out by the 21st Bomber Command headed by Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell, Jr.

In their last blast against Japan on December 27 the B-29's pummeled Tokyo's sprawling industrial sector for an hour and a half. One Superfortress was lost over the target. The Superfortresses bagged perhaps the greatest number of enemy planes yet destroyed over Honshu.

Carrying out Gen. Hansell's injunction to "bleed Japan internally," the huge bombers ignited large fires. Fighter opposition was the fiercest ever encountered over Japan except possibly for the Nagoya raid of December 22.

### NAZIS PERFECT 'BALLS OF FIRE'

A U. S. Night Fighter Base, France, Jan. 2.—American fighter pilots engaged in flying night intruder missions over Germany report the Nazis have come up with a new "secret weapon"—mysterious "balls of fire" which race along beside their planes for miles like will-o'-the-wisps.

Yank pilots have dubbed them "Foo Fighters," and at first thought they might explode, but so far there is no indication that any planes have been damaged by them.

Some pilots have expressed the belief that the "Foo Fighters" were designed strictly as a psychological weapon. Intelligence reports seem to indicate it is radio-controlled from the ground and can keep pace with the planes flying three hundred miles per hour.

Lt. Donald Meiers, of Chicago, Ill., said there are three types of "Foo Fighters"—red balls of fire that fly along at wing tip; a vertical row of three balls of fire which fly in front of the planes; and a group of about fifteen lights which follow the plane at a distance, flickering on and off.

## Lt. Charles T. Kirk Sent Here To Check Cotton Duck Output

### Christmas Furlough



Begrimed after days of front line combat, Sgt. John H. Parks, Mill Creek, Ind., arrives at a behind-the-lines rest area after his outfit is relieved in time for Christmas.

### Tells Times Reporter That Material Is One Of Army's Most Vital Needs.

Lt. Charles T. Kirk, who has been in the city for the past several weeks, today told a Times reporter that one of the most vital and urgent needs of the army at the present time is cotton duck.

Lt. Kirk, who is a native of Indiana, was sent to Lincolnton by the U. S. Government to check up on the cotton duck production in the county, particularly at the Massapog Mill, which is now one hundred per cent on this item of production. It is his duty to learn whether or not production is being slowed up by absenteeism, or for any other cause.

Gen. Eisenhower sent back word several weeks ago that our soldiers are in desperate need of many items made of cotton duck. For example, hospital tents. The field hospitals that follow close behind the fighting lines are all made of cotton duck. We have not enough hospital tents right now to take care of the wounded. That's one reason we must have more cotton duck and immediately.

"Other first aid and medical items made of cotton duck are first aid stretchers, cots and ambulance carriers. For lack of these our men will suffer and die. Nobody who has a boy at the front who may be wounded wants to think of that lad dying in the rain and mud because there was no first aid stretcher to carry him to safety," declared Lt. Kirk.

Lt. Kirk then went on to say that the Army had sent him into this community to tell the people here exactly what the situation was. Cotton duck is produced here. "When the people of this community realize how much this cotton duck is needed to protect the health and well being of our soldiers, we know they will pitch in and get out that duck," he said.

Lt. Kirk said the job can be done fast if everyone who now has a job in the mill sticks with that job to the finish, just as our men overseas are sticking to the fight until it is won. This is no time for any of us to quit on our war effort, he declared. The one big thing the people of this community can do right now to help turn the tide of battle in our favor is to produce more cotton duck. Our men overseas need it urgently and they need it right away, said he in conclusion.

During cold weather care must be exercised to see that hogs butchered and hung up to chill are not permitted to freeze. A frozen carcass must be thawed out before the meat is put in cure.

here, between New Guinea and the Philippines. Halmahera's airbases, supply areas and anti-aircraft positions were hammered in the continuing neutralization campaign.

## Frozen Road Saved Yanks In The Giant Battle Of St. Vith

With U. S. Seventh Armored Division, Dec. 31.—The battle of St. Vith—the Belgians call it "San Vett"—but Americans when they tell their grandchildren about it will call it "Saint Vith"—would never have had so happy an outcome if a road had not frozen up at just the right time.

As it turned out, the seven-day long battle, fought from hour to hour in the utmost confusion, goes down as one of the most remarkable feats of American arms.

Even now the details of the giant jigsaw battle can only be pieced out. What went on at the time was almost unknown to the world and even the American commanders on the scene had only a sketchy conception of the whole.

Contrary to reports given out at the height of the conflict, St. Vith never was encircled by the Germans. The American positions were maintained in the shape of a horseshoe that opened to the west.

**Drive Split.** At St. Vith the German drive was split, its continuity was broken and the great bulk of our men and machines were withdrawn and saved to fight another day.

This mainly is the story of what was accomplished by the Seventh Armored Division, which was thrown into the battle just when the Germans were crashing down upon St. Vith itself. Other forces were involved and they performed noble deeds but their part must wait. Of the several units involved only the Seventh Armored has been identified at the time.

The Seventh was the only unit there in full strength and it did by far the biggest part of the job.

The story is one of light and shadow. Some ran and in running hampered those who chose to stay. Some disciplinary action already has been

started, but this account is chiefly concerned with the brighter side.

The Seventh is commanded by Brig. Gen. Robert W. Hashbrouck, 48-year-old West Point, from Kingsport, N. Y., a tall, courtly specialist in field artillery.

No. 2 in command, but No. 1 as the man on the spot with direct responsibility for a quick decision where communications were uncertain or non-existent, was Brig. Gen. Bruce Cooper Clarke, another West Pointer from Syracuse, N. Y. He is one of the men who spearheaded Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's astonishing dash across France in the last two weeks of August. A bull of a man in physique, he nevertheless displays the finesse of a college president in action.

The Germans launched their attack on Saturday, December 16, Clarke arrived at St. Vith on Sunday, December 17.

## GAS AND TIRE RATIONING GUIDE

GAS—1:30 P. M. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

TIRES—1:30 P. M. every Tuesday and Thursday

For the benefit of the public the Gas and Tire Panels will meet on the above specified days at 1:30 p. m. No applications will be acted upon outside of Panel sessions, excepting Emergencies